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ESTABLISH THE GRADE.

Now that the people are putting in concrete walks, the very first and best thing for the city to do is to establish a grade. If this is not done, much unsightliness, unevenness and bad off-sets are liable to occur, which in a few years, if the city grows, will be condemned and ordered replaced by new walks, built to a certain grade.

The way to do a thing is the right way. There is no use in having jump-offs, flights of steps, in and out curves and pitfalls along our sidewalks to endanger life and limb.

The city council should enact a concrete sidewalk ordinance, covering the construction of same in full, giving the width, drainage slope, thickness of curbing, etc., and in this way our walks would be uniform and beautiful and contractors could better figure on the material and cost of a piece of work.

We cannot comprehend why this has not been looked after long ago.

The courts of New York are trying to settle whether or not one man has a right to put his feet on the table while another eats his meals. Down here in Southeast Missouri that would cause the coroner to get busy.

When a stranger drops in town, jolly him. Tell him this is a great town, and it is. Don't discourage him by speaking ill of your neighbors. Lead him to believe he has at last struck a place where good people live. Try this and you will see good results.

It is not always a sign of hard times when you see a fellow frowning at his neighbors, making faces at improvements, fighting reforms, fussing with his wife, cussing everybody and knocking on his town. Sometimes it is just a screw loose under the hat.

Will our exchanges please forget that the "Argus" was ever published in Hayti, and remember that this paper is the Hayti Herald, with two big "H's." The old Argus went to the bone yard long ago. The Herald is a new paper in every respect, look, stock and barrel.

It is a shame the way some of our property owners permit the rank growth of weeds about their premises. Take a stroll around town and see if it isn't a sight to behold. The city authorities should issue a general cleaning up order. There is no use waiting for the board of health. Let the order be made and the marshal empowered to enforce it.

How quickly can you tell a live town from a dead one by simply looking over its newspaper. A poor, skim-milk sort of a newspaper, with a few advertisements, and those looking as though they were run at half price, betokens a dead town just as sure as a corpse indicates a funeral, while a good, lively, well-printed paper, filled with good ads and locals, shows that the town is prospering and that the merchants are progressive.

Hayti will not suffer greatly from the effects of the recent overflow, and it is thought that the crops outside the levee will not be damaged over one-half. Some corn, on the lowest land, is a total loss, but the water was not very high and some land was not overflowed. The heaviest losses will be on the Tennessee side, where there are no levees, and unless aid is extended much suffering will result.

Hayti is not the only town in Southeast Missouri that is dragging along in the same old rut. Many business men of Bloomfield are afraid to advocate the adoption of a stock law, and just so long as that condition exists, we will remain in the rut.—Bloomfield Vindicator.

With every newspaper in Southeast Missouri heartily agreeing with the Hayti Herald, and fighting the same fight, we shall continue our course. We have been over enough of the world to know what a town should be, and we know that we are right.

Sometimes our friends may think that we are a little pointed in the way we speak about certain matters, but our intention is good, and if what we say is heeded the town will profit by it. Sometimes it is hard for people change their ways and overcome the force of habit contracted by years of

indulgence, but men should never be too old to learn, and if they cannot learn to mend their ways, then let them learn enough to attend to their own affairs and not molest others.

The people are not only getting tired, but downright disgusted with the newspaper rangles in Pemiscot county. We have heard some of the very best people in the county express themselves freely on this matter, and we see where they are right. In these United States every man has a constitutional right to his opinion and to express it, and the merits of that opinion may be debated. But business and personal matters are different and tribunals of justice have been established to decide them, if necessary to be decided. Nothing is ever satisfactorily decided in public print, and such controversies are generally without merit. It does not matter what opinion a newspaper entertains, it is exercising its constitutional rights to free speech, and neither the personnel of the editorial staff or the business affairs of the publishers have anything to do with it. The controversy, or debate, if such becomes necessary, should be confined strictly to the merits or demerits of the question at issue.

HAYTI A DEAD TOWN(?)

If your neighbor was reported dead and yet you found him not only breathing, but improving in health, what would be the supposition?

Likewise, if Hayti is reported dead, that turnips will be sown on the public square, that well-known business men offer rewards for as many as three men in a crowd, and upon investigation we find the town improving, what is the conclusion?

Naturally, the reports that Hayti is dead is but the desire of some, expressed, and investigation will likely prove that most who declare Hayti dead are failures themselves, and to excuse their failure, attempt to fix the responsibility upon Hayti, by saying that she is dead and that they were buried in her shroud.

This is not an argument for or against saloons, yet we are constrained to border along the saloon question to the extent that although the saloon people pictured a completely dead town without the saloons and the "drys" told of a land flowing with milk and honey when we went dry, yet they were both off. There may be no doubt that Hayti is not so good a town as when we had saloons, and when we have saloons again after next June she will be better, and yet we want to call attention to how Hayti has improved though dry, and encourage all that we can have a good town though dry and to encourage them to keep moving and not rest on the oars until opportunity offers something better.

Now, take notice. We have been dry three years, and what have we done? Built city hall, graded square and prepared to fence same, built an Odd Fellow hall, built Sanders Bros' brick, built Dr. Trautmann brick by I. Kohn, built A. J. Dorris brick, rebuilt Kohn, Gaskins and Citizens Bank buildings, one other brick started and two or three more contemplated. The city hall is mostly occupied, has stage and scenery and is well-lighted and seated. several squares of concrete sidewalk has been built and more building, and there has been a general upbuilding of the town.

The above may show that we can have a good town without saloons, and may show that if the above can be done without the saloon license, how much could be done with the saloon license, if properly handled.

The above is put forth to show both sides of the question and to put people to thinking.

CITIZEN.

[NOTE: The editor assumes no responsibility for views entertained by correspondents, and all letters intended for publication must bear the signature of the writer. No controversy will be allowed, but the people may express their opinion on any public question. We think, however, that it is too early to open the saloon question for next June.—Ed.]

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